



Attorney Docket 016907-1610

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Osamu TAKAGI et al.

Title: FIXING MECHANISM FOR USE IN IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS

Appl. No.: 10/791,755

Filing Date: 03/04/2004

Examiner: Unassigned

Art Unit: Unassigned

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop PATENT APPLICATION
Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Continuing Application, Applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

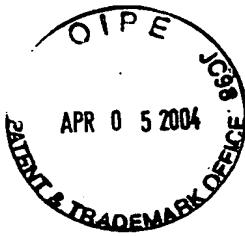
Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this document.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 7 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows:

04/07/2004 JBALINAN 00000056 10791755

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02 FC:1202 54.00 0P



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AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small Entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.9 and § 1.27 has been established by a previous assertion of Small Entity status.

Assertion of Small Entity status is enclosed.

The fee required for additional claims is calculated below:

	Claims As Amended	Previously Paid For	Extra Claims Present	Rate	Additional Claims Fee
Total Claims:	23	-	20 = 3	\$18.00 x	\$54.00
Independent Claims:	4	-	3 = 1	\$86.00 x	\$86.00
				+	
				\$290.00	\$0.00
				CLAIMS FEE TOTAL	\$140.00

Applicants hereby petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) for the total number of months checked below:

<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the first month:	\$110.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the second month:	\$420.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the third month:	\$950.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fourth month:	\$1,480.00	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Extension for response filed within the fifth month:	\$2,010.00	\$0.00
		EXTENSION FEE TOTAL:	\$0.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Statutory Disclaimer Fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.20(d):	\$110.00	\$0.00
		CLAIMS, EXTENSION AND DISCLAIMER FEE TOTAL:	\$140.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Small Entity Fees Apply (subtract ½ of above):		\$0.00
		TOTAL FEE:	\$140.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741 in the amount of \$140.00. A duplicate copy of this transmittal is enclosed.

A check in the amount of \$140.00 to cover the extra claims fee is enclosed.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Please direct all correspondence to the undersigned attorney or agent at the address indicated below.

Respectfully submitted,

Date April 5, 2004

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